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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2006.

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

There are no amendments to the claims.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this amendment.